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REPORT ON WELL COMPLETIONS IN THE UNITED STATES[1]

Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month period a year ago.

These data are preliminary and subject to revision. The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. The geographic distribution for wells and footage is not published on a monthly basis, but is available from the API's "Quarterly Completion Report."

Cumulative Number of Wells Reported as Completed
For Each of the Past 12 Months

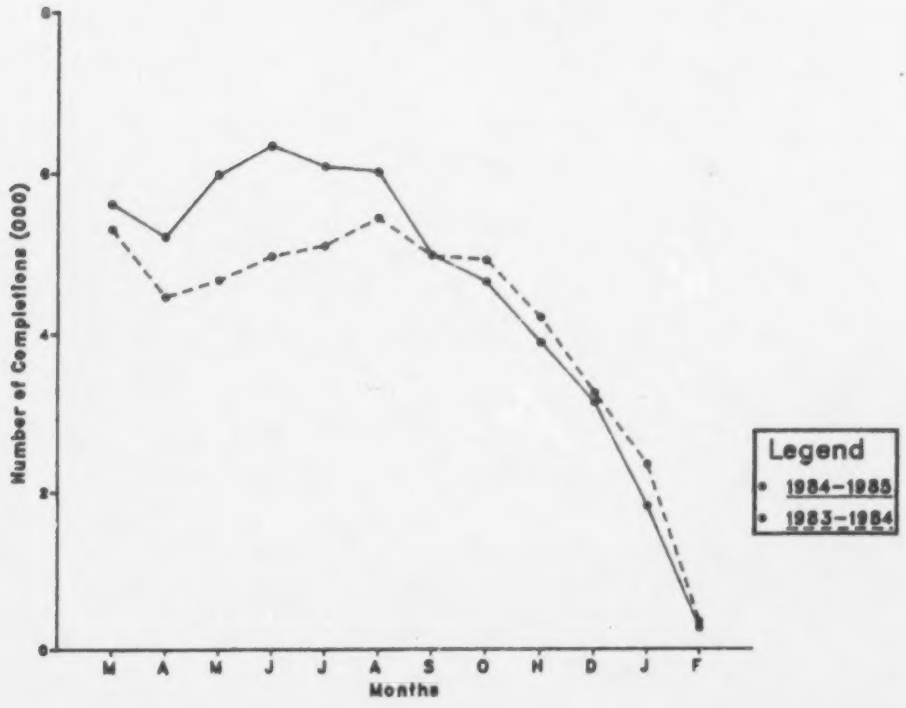

TABLE I: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF FEBRUARY 22, 1985[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS[4]	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	1,031	4,915,698	284	1,795,551	777	4,810,766	2,092	11,522,015	2,161	11,746,928
1985: FEB	64	354,772	40	297,385	159	1,157,664	263	1,809,821	290	1,882,164
JAN	967	4,560,926	244	1,498,166	618	3,653,102	1,829	9,712,194	1,871	9,864,764
TOTAL 1984	33,197	133,355,917	11,095	63,132,851	20,029	98,108,708	64,321	294,597,476	65,705	298,729,473
1984: DEC	1,723	7,161,125	406	2,531,392	1,012	5,507,711	3,141	15,200,228	3,209	15,437,079
NOV	2,136	8,483,461	578	3,393,439	1,181	6,078,953	3,895	17,955,853	3,980	18,232,574
OCT	2,457	10,504,342	715	4,217,055	1,482	7,107,107	4,654	21,828,504	4,788	22,271,458
SEP	2,586	10,292,322	804	4,487,260	1,599	7,679,269	4,989	22,458,851	5,077	22,729,752
AUG	2,937	11,391,149	1,017	5,763,531	2,067	9,611,046	6,021	26,765,726	6,145	27,170,855
JUL	3,140	12,273,936	977	5,730,360	1,970	9,202,007	6,087	27,206,303	6,195	27,555,712
JUN	3,138	12,032,951	1,161	6,289,353	2,040	9,438,434	6,339	27,760,738	6,447	28,089,313
MAY	3,106	12,512,570	1,122	6,305,772	1,757	8,684,242	5,985	27,502,584	6,112	27,845,987
APR	2,817	10,921,096	863	5,159,943	1,532	7,851,877	5,212	23,932,916	5,356	24,301,342
MAR	2,999	12,462,723	1,011	6,119,954	1,606	8,307,637	5,616	26,890,314	5,738	27,253,984
FEB	2,964	12,126,971	1,167	6,260,278	1,658	8,365,592	5,789	26,752,841	5,923	27,130,688
JAN	3,194	13,193,271	1,274	6,874,514	2,125	10,274,833	6,593	30,342,618	6,735	30,710,729
TOTAL 1983	35,042	131,334,886	13,640	73,461,590	22,345	99,981,919	71,027	304,778,395	72,879	309,213,931
1983: DEC	2,832	10,936,085	1,256	6,435,805	1,808	8,888,430	5,896	26,260,320	6,034	26,604,806
NOV	3,101	11,992,972	1,207	5,948,489	2,038	9,489,863	6,346	27,431,324	6,506	27,820,173
OCT	3,174	12,162,864	1,338	6,680,081	2,063	9,264,290	6,575	28,107,235	6,728	28,483,270
SEP	3,098	11,510,817	1,212	6,333,731	1,920	8,273,610	6,230	26,118,158	6,376	26,435,748
AUG	3,266	11,588,015	1,281	6,473,046	2,009	8,333,318	6,576	26,394,379	6,771	26,921,794
JUL	2,977	10,691,628	1,051	5,570,296	1,894	7,983,177	5,922	24,245,101	6,095	24,633,105
JUN	2,779	10,227,323	1,002	5,740,352	1,817	7,232,471	5,598	23,200,146	5,750	23,526,025
MAY	2,581	10,286,446	920	5,406,121	1,685	7,449,856	5,186	23,142,423	5,363	23,594,267
APR	2,504	9,708,061	855	5,156,541	1,522	7,051,077	4,881	21,915,679	4,999	22,191,400
MAR	2,830	10,917,692	1,050	6,015,868	1,805	8,411,955	5,685	25,345,515	5,846	25,677,771
FEB	2,507	9,602,206	1,069	6,001,968	1,696	7,760,629	5,272	23,364,803	5,390	23,667,116
JAN	3,373	11,710,777	1,399	7,699,292	2,088	9,843,243	6,860	29,253,312	7,021	29,658,456
TOTAL 1982	38,009	145,847,824	18,334	103,557,601	25,229	120,295,852	81,572	369,701,277	83,755	374,906,220
TOTAL 1981	42,622	168,945,535	19,794	105,980,769	27,049	132,271,548	89,465	407,197,852	91,835	412,998,323

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF FEBRUARY 22, 1985[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	50	312,234	23	172,964	361	2,334,608	434	2,819,806
1985: FEB	3	38,096	4	50,417	77	603,880	84	692,393
JAN	47	274,138	19	122,547	284	1,730,728	350	2,127,413
TOTAL 1984	1,857	10,265,864	1,036	6,702,534	9,116	49,289,709	12,009	66,258,107
1984: DEC	61	369,904	20	129,608	462	2,909,738	543	3,409,250
NOV	93	502,060	35	230,461	535	3,091,018	663	3,823,539
OCT	114	564,303	67	429,458	714	3,593,728	895	4,587,489
SEP	164	951,411	68	451,454	725	3,807,440	957	5,210,305
AUG	149	811,233	75	543,875	897	4,779,449	1,121	6,134,557
JUL	161	856,788	102	710,308	935	4,743,773	1,198	6,310,869
JUN	167	938,305	99	593,468	979	4,917,870	1,245	6,449,643
MAY	197	1,103,603	112	717,090	772	4,296,241	1,081	6,116,934
APR	142	857,183	82	554,094	700	3,873,325	924	5,284,602
MAR	205	1,144,231	126	855,680	693	3,978,632	1,024	5,978,543
FEB	189	1,066,524	132	775,085	765	4,280,461	1,086	6,122,070
JAN	215	1,100,319	118	711,953	939	5,018,034	1,272	6,830,306
TOTAL 1983	2,046	10,315,207	1,572	9,935,852	9,686	47,454,381	13,304	67,705,440
1983: DEC	146	731,118	110	700,522	782	4,127,154	1,038	5,558,794
NOV	162	805,056	106	658,592	901	4,407,759	1,169	5,871,407
OCT	196	1,036,753	131	796,804	889	4,359,096	1,216	6,192,653
SEP	167	843,355	125	760,709	866	3,981,536	1,158	5,585,600
AUG	179	780,611	131	774,651	847	3,769,001	1,157	5,324,263
JUL	176	815,441	125	713,077	815	3,639,371	1,116	5,167,889
JUN	160	793,376	120	822,219	815	3,505,817	1,095	5,121,412
MAY	155	903,570	147	969,052	761	3,750,749	1,063	5,623,371
APR	172	856,144	126	836,850	626	3,293,645	924	4,986,639
MAR	172	915,879	147	878,954	758	4,058,754	1,077	5,853,587
FEB	171	926,938	145	972,962	697	3,697,970	1,013	5,597,870
JAN	190	906,966	159	1,051,460	929	4,863,529	1,278	6,821,955
TOTAL 1982	2,454	13,376,033	2,125	14,542,201	11,097	59,884,656	15,676	87,802,890
TOTAL 1981	2,662	15,422,683	2,526	17,014,415	12,255	68,692,738	17,443	101,129,836

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TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS[1] BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR REPORTED TO THE API DURING FEBRUARY 1985

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[4] CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1985	863	4,018,572	247	1,516,032	583	3,403,088	1,693	8,937,692	1,754	9,133,853
1985: FEB	64	354,772	40	297,385	159	1,157,664	263	1,809,821	290	1,882,164
JAN	799	3,663,800	207	1,218,647	424	2,245,424	1,430	7,127,871	1,464	7,251,689
TOTAL 1984	2,121	7,223,307	829	4,336,602	1,159	5,754,609	4,109	17,314,518	4,164	17,486,747
1984: DEC	718	2,709,875	210	1,215,563	397	1,985,184	1,325	5,910,622	1,339	5,969,894
NOV	397	1,354,387	161	881,672	265	1,379,006	823	3,615,065	831	3,642,772
OCT	252	992,152	92	539,268	157	766,649	501	2,298,069	506	2,324,019
SEP	164	435,935	76	390,780	102	563,028	342	1,389,743	348	1,405,568
AUG	132	394,659	92	451,734	53	229,515	277	1,075,908	280	1,082,795
JUL	127	459,785	68	262,374	48	253,734	243	975,893	245	994,400
JUN	99	292,015	52	271,486	43	214,754	194	778,255	195	787,519
MAY	64	168,760	33	153,540	21	95,205	118	417,505	119	422,712
APR	81	129,236	15	56,121	24	113,567	120	298,924	120	298,924
MAR	33	109,305	6	33,864	15	37,831	54	181,000	54	181,000
FEB	35	124,422	13	46,760	22	72,670	70	243,852	85	247,462
JAN	19	52,776	11	33,440	12	43,466	42	129,682	42	129,682
TOTAL 1983	107	286,746	43	165,313	67	169,783	217	621,842	231	647,251
1983: DEC	24	64,077	5	23,625	7	17,840	36	105,542	37	106,022
NOV	8	26,004	9	40,374	12	29,891	29	96,269	32	99,934
OCT	10	30,841	2	3,680	11	17,889	23	52,410	25	55,034
SEP	14	37,980	4	12,282	6	11,986	24	62,248	25	68,174
AUG	12	24,046	5	16,261	8	18,085	25	58,392	26	59,119
JUL	11	46,434	3	8,208	4	15,635	18	70,277	19	75,654
JUN	4	4,660	2	5,131	4	16,449	10	26,240	12	27,762
MAY	9	25,328	7	35,173	6	12,206	22	72,707	24	74,279
APR	4	5,912	2	3,755	1	13,300	7	22,967	7	22,967
MAR	6	7,278	0	0	4	7,114	10	14,392	11	17,908
FEB	2	6,613	1	1,965	1	670	4	9,248	4	9,248
JAN	3	7,573	3	14,859	3	8,718	9	31,150	9	31,150
TOTAL 1982	22	64,179	25	89,641	33	133,205	80	287,025	80	287,025
YRS PRIOR TO 1982	17	29,993	7	22,499	27	51,835	51	104,327	52	106,827
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[5]	3,130	11,622,797	1,151	6,130,087	1,869	9,512,520	6,150	27,265,404	6,281	27,661,703

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TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of February 22, 1985. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.

2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.

3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLES III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.

2. See footnote (2) above.

3. See footnote (3) above.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.

5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period January 26, 1985 through February 22, 1985. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.